464 during the depression this number rose to about
[745] 8000. Emergency relief work was organized by the local governments every winter. In the summertime Estonia was in great need of workers for farming and mining, so much so that workers were even imported from Poland for this purpose.

● 746 In summary, social conditions in Estonia at the end of independence were quite satisfactory and constant improvement was being made. The public conscience was alert to the problems of poverty, disease and unemployment. Each winter public enterprises (balls, concerts, etc.) were arranged, the income of which was given entirely to the needy unemployed. The churches, too, did work in helping the poor and sick.

511 The last World War, and especially the Soviet occupations, have drastically lowered the